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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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ATTACHMENT 1(e)

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Reference AA is an English language equivalent document of reference AI.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
AA	5,327,535	7/1994	Ogata et al.			
AB						
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AG	9-069028	Japan			partial
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